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SUBJ: RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT BY MALAWI MISSION OVER TREATMENT  
OF MALAWI DIPLOMATS BY US CUSTOMS OFFICERS

REF: USUN 2818; LILONGWE 1487

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A REPORT FROM REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OF  
CUSTOMS ON RESULTS OF HIS INQUIRY INTO TREATMENT OF TWO MEMBERS  
OF MALAWI MISSION TO UNITED NATIONS BY THREE CUSTOMS OFFICERS.

2. IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT SEARCH WAS IN FACT CONDUCTED.  
OFFICERS INVOLVED WERE NOW TO THIS AREA OF ENFORCEMENT AND  
WERE NOT CLEAR AS TO DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES OF MALAWI MISSION  
OFFICIALS.

3. REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS HAS HAD OFFICERS  
ADMONISHED BY DIVISION SUPERVISOR AND ALL OFFICERS ARE BEING  
GIVEN A RETRAINING COURSE WITH RESPECT TO PRIVILEGES AND  
IMMUNITIES OF DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL.

4. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CONVEY APOLOGIES OF US CUSTOMS  
SERVICE TO MALAWI MISSION FOR EMBARRASSMENT AND INCONVENIENCE  
SUFFERED BY CHITSAMBA AND VIRAY.

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5. A NOTE OF APOLOGY IS BEING SENT BY USUN TODAY.

6. WE HOPE THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP YOU IN YOUR DEALINGS  
WITH MALAWI OFFICIALDOM IN LILONGWE.  
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